

Wayne County Highlight

did you know?

- Roughly 97 percent of Wayne County is public lands, including two national parks, two national forests, Utah's only all-American-road (Highway 12), three scenic byways, three scenic backways and numerous historic sites.

- Wayne County is home to the Bicknell International Film Festival "where good things happen to bad movies," and you can watch the world's fastest parade (55 mph).

- Wayne County was created in 1892 from the part of then-Piute County east of the Parker Rim and was named after state legislator Willis E. Robison's son Wayne.

- Cattle-ranching is an important part of the Wayne County economy. In 2002, nearly 21,000 cattle called Wayne County home (compared to only 2,600 people).

Almost one-fifth of Wayne County's nonfarm employment can be categorized in the leisure/hospitality industry compared to less than 10 percent in Utah as a whole.

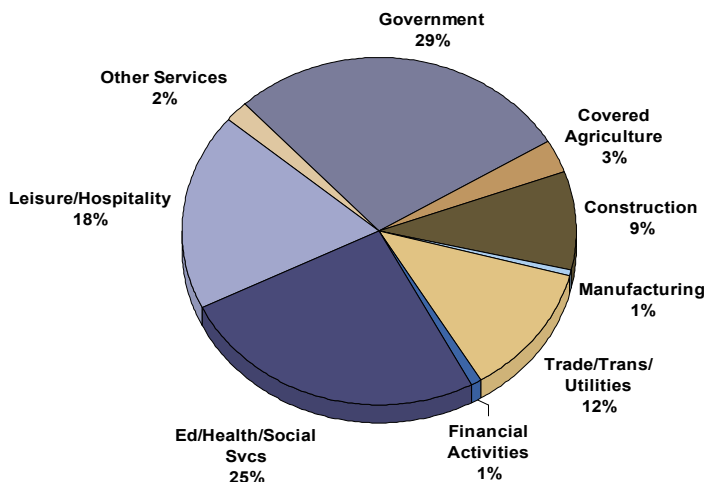
This higher-than-average dependence on seasonal tourism employment also has repercussions in the unemployment arena. Workers with seasonal jobs are often unemployed in the off-season, which tends to keep Wayne County's jobless rate above the norm. In fact, at 7.2 percent, Wayne County's jobless rate measured fifth highest in a 2004 ranking of Utah counties. ⓘ

More? go to: <http://jobs.utah.gov/wi/Regions/western/wayne/wayne2.asp>

In terms of population, Wayne County is a relatively small county. With roughly 2,600 residents, only Daggett, Piute, and Rich counties are smaller. Moreover, the county has struggled with net out-migration in recent years.

Because of the county's national parks (most importantly Capitol Reef) and scenic beauties, tourism plays an important role in the economy.

Wayne County 2004 Nonfarm Jobs by Industry



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.